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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A HEARING ON INSTALLING ADJUSTABLE HEIGHT BASKETBALL HOOPS IN CITY OF BOSTON PARKS

- WHEREAS,** City-owned parks, playgrounds, and fields are essential public spaces for community gathering, creative, inclusive play, and outdoor recreation; **and**
- WHEREAS,** Young children significantly benefit from inclusive and publicly accessible outdoor recreation by having a space to explore personal autonomy in an outdoor setting and to develop social and motor skills through play with neighbors and community members; **and**
- WHEREAS,** Basketball is the most popular youth sport in America and is played by millions of young people in the United States and around the world; **and**
- WHEREAS,** According to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association, 9.8 million boys and girls ages 6-17 played basketball in 2020; **and**
- WHEREAS,** According to the Sports & Fitness Industry Association, no sport fared better during the COVID-19 pandemic at adding and retaining kids as participants than basketball as it could be played safely outdoors, in small groups, and even alone; **and**
- WHEREAS,** Although Boston Centers for Youth and Families and other indoor basketball courts already use adjustable height hoops, few, if any, City of Boston Parks have them, making basketball inaccessible to our tiniest residents; **and**
- WHEREAS,** Adjustable Basketball hoops and other multi-age equipment are available and can be feasibly implemented in neighborhood parks to make them more inclusive of all ages and ability levels; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**
- ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on implementing adjustable height basketball hoops and other multi-age equipment in City parks and that a representative from the Parks and Recreation Department, and advocates from the community working to make inclusive public spaces and parks in the City of Boston be invited to attend.

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